

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.825(b), the paper copy of the Sequence Listing and the computer readable copy of the Sequence Listing submitted herewith are the same.

It is respectfully believed this application is now in condition for allowance. Early notice to this effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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